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William Shawcross

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SHAWCROSS TALKS ABOUT KISSINGER

"Cambodia was not a mistake; it was a crime."

Such is the judgment of William Shawcross in his book "Sideshow: Kissinger, Nixon & the Destruction of Cambodia." Son of the British prosecutor at Nuremberg, Shawcross acts as investigator, cross examiner, judge and jury in his penetrating book. How he spent over three years traveling throughout the world to build his case will be the subject of his Thursday evening, October 18, "Shop Talk." His court convenes at the OPC at 5:30 PM.

The book is assiduously researched. According to the publisher, *Simon & Schuster*, Shawcross interviewed over 300 individuals and had access to hundreds of previously classified documents; the tome has been aptly referred to as "journalism as history." It asks no previous knowledge of the reader. What it presents is a remarkable, if not unbelievable, behind the scenes look at the surreal world of power politics. It is certain to polarize the reader, and such seems to be the author's intent.

British-born and Oxford educated, Shawcross worked and lived in Indochina, and Washington, D.C., as a journalist. Author of two previous books, he is co-author of "Watergate: The

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Letter from OPC President

To the Members:

With almost everyone back from Europe or the Hamptons, the roof gardens or the backyards, the time has come to settle down to the typewriters and teletypes, to the paste-pots and pencil sharpeners. This is probably what the Bulletin editor had in mind when asking me to talk about the club's past operations and of future plans, now that the 1980 season swings into action.

The upcoming edition of DATE-LINE, expected some time in October, covers most of the past year's and more recent events in its traditional "President's Letter." With that out of the way, let's talk about the future weeks and months.

Looking at the overall picture, our club is in good shape with most of the legal and financial problems out of the way. We still have to smooth out some day-to-day problems with our landlord, but we enjoy a pleasant relationship based on a mutual effort to cope and deal with problems as they arise. Meanwhile, our flag is flying over 41st Street, our old OPC brass plaque once more adorns the entrance door, and the clatter of the AP and UPI machines in the lobby reminds members and guests that they are in the Press Club.

What's ahead?

Officially, the calendar got off the ground with a "packed to the roof" luncheon under the aegis of the Workshop Committee (*Larry Stessin* and *Gloria Zukerman*). It was the first of a series of "40th Anniversary Distinguished Journalists Series" and featured columnist Jack Anderson.

The Membership Drive, carefully planned by the Membership Committee (*Harry Rand* and *Russ Tornabene*), is gaining momentum after some changes were made by the Board of Governors putting its emphasis on selectivity rather than size.

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Up-and-coming

Thursday, October 4 - 6 to 10 p.m.
First-night party opening exhibition of celebrity portraits by Barbara Fox.

Thursday, October 18 - 5:30 P.M. *Shop Talk* with William Shawcross, London-based British journalist and author of the current best-selling critique of U.S. foreign policy, *Sideshow, Kissinger & Nixon, and the Destruction of Cambodia*. Reservations requested.

Friday, October 26 - Twilight jazz session starring pianist-organist Jane Jarvis, with George Duvivier on bass and Grady Tate on drums. Admission free to members, \$3.00 for each guest. Reservations a must.

Monday, October 29 - 5:30 to 7 p.m. *A Reporter's Notebook: The Pope's Visit*. Panelists: George Cornell, AP; George Vecsey, *New York Times*; Kenneth Woodward, *Newsweek*.

Tuesday, October 30 - 5:30 p.m. Halloween party in the Lounge. \$3.00 each for members and guests. Cash bar. Entertainment. Reservations, please.

Wednesday, October 31 - 6:30 p.m. Semi-annual meeting.

Reservations must be made for all events. Reservation cancellations must reach the OPC 24 hours before the event, otherwise members will be charged the announced fee.

EAT
AND DRINK
WITH US

The following letter has been received by Henry Gellermann, President of the Overseas Press Club:

September 24, 1979

Dear Henry:

I wish to thank you and other members of the Club for their warm get well notes and cards. Since my illness is terminal, I'd like to take this opportunity to answer all of them here because there is just not enough time for individual replies.

As you know, I was a founder member of the Overseas Press Club. I missed the first organizational meeting at the Algonquin Hotel in April 1939 but was present at the second meeting that same month. At that meeting, I was elected a member of the Board and that same year was named assistant treasurer.

In 1940 I was elected treasurer and held that post until the spring of 1943 when I went overseas.

When I returned at the beginning of 1946, I was again elected treasurer and held the post until 1951 when I was elected a vice president.

Purchase of a home in the suburbs in 1952 resulted in the diminution of my duties at the club, although I have retained an interest in the club affairs right up to the present. My original OPC membership card was #6. I am enclosing this card for the club in case it wants to hang it for a souvenir.

Ralph Jules Frantz

Got a Job to Fill?

Is there a job opening in your office — or one coming up — that would be of interest to an OPC member or someone in a member's family? If so, let Helen Alpert's "Help Wanted" service know. Contact her with the details c/o the Club.

The Club will be closed Monday, October 8th in observance of Columbus Day.

Semi-Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Jack Anderson Packs House

"Jimmy Carter knows what God wants him to do. When you get advice from that quarter, you don't need Cy Vance," columnist Jack Anderson told an overflow OPC luncheon on Sept. 10.

"I've studied the President's record over the past two years," he added, "and I wouldn't want to blame it on God."

Five copies of Anderson's book *Confessions of a Muckraker* were awarded by drawing as the columnist kicked off the club's 40th Anniversary Distinguished Journalists luncheon series.

Anderson discounted Carter's chances of reelection.

"He's already lost the presidency," he said. "He doesn't understand the American system... He has lost the consent of the governed."

Anderson criticized Carter's failure to offset his "inexperience and incompetence" by surrounding himself with people who know what they're doing.

He said the president had told him the one he consults most, and who has most influence on him, is his wife, Rosalynn, "who has no more experience governing a country than he has."

Anderson said the president told him his second most trusted advisor was Charles Kirbo.

"Mr. Kirbo is a brilliant Atlanta attorney," Anderson said, "but his wife won't let him live in Washington. In fact, she won't let him leave Atlanta more than one day a month, or stay more than one night. In the White House, he's known as 'Overnight Kirbo'."

Making Hamilton Jordan chief-of-staff was another major error, Anderson said. When he first came to Washington, Jordan was a "rowdy," anxious to show his contempt for the establishment by wearing blue jeans and scruffy shirts in the White House, and sitting with his feet on his desk.

"Since he's become chief-of-staff, he comes to work in pin stripes, and we're supposed to take him seriously. Nobody does." — George E. Burns

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER

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Press/Law Meetings

PRESS & BENCH I, the first of a series of meetings in which a number of the nation's leading judges, attorneys and journalists will explore the relationship between the judiciary and the press, will be held Saturday, October 13, from 9:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. at the New York Law School, 57 Worth Street, New York City. The program, cosponsored by the American Society of Journalists and Authors (ASJA), New York Law School and *The Nation* magazine, is designed to inform judges, law and journalism school faculty, editors, journalists and students.

The conference will examine the major "sore spots" of judiciary-press interaction, including apparent conflicts between First Amendment protections of freedom of the press and Sixth Amendment guarantees of fair trial.

"This is not an advocacy proceeding," Committee chairperson Patrick M. McGrady, Jr. emphasized. "It is what we hope will be the first of a series of programs exploring the constitutional principles that affect both the press and its public."

For further information, contact Holly Redell, Executive Director, American Society of Journalists and Authors, 1501 Broadway, Suite 1907, New York, N.Y. 10036.

Letters, We Get Letters ...

To the Editor:

Before resigning ourselves to \$12.50 and \$14.00 (for non-members) *Shop Talk* luncheon prices, maybe there are alternatives that we should consider to put these important meetings within reach of non-expense-accounters.

One such alternative is to have *Shop Talks* on other premises. For example, New York Business Press Editors meet and eat every month at Rosoff's Theatre Restaurant on West 43rd St. for \$8.00 per member and \$10.00 for guests.

Rosoff's is a commercial establishment (unlike the Chemists Club) that has to turn a profit, and I'm sure they are not in the business of giving things away. There must be other restaurants like it in New York that would welcome OPC business at comparable prices.

Then maybe — just maybe — the Chemists Club would find a way to meet the competition.

— John Guenther

Halloween Party Oct. 30

Now that summer is over, big things are in the offing and the Hospitality Committee is ready and willing to plan the events.

First on the agenda, of course, is the annual Halloween Party. Since it was difficult to obtain the services of ghosts and goblins, it was decided to keep the spirit of Halloween by obtaining the services of two psychics. For those interested in knowing what the future has in store, we recommend asking those virtuosos of the arcane to do their thing.

There will be music, of course. Bill Hamilton, who has performed at many of the recent parties, will be playing.

There will be an admission charge of \$3.00 per person. Bring guests! Chemists Club members and National Democratic Club members are invited along with their guests. —Helen Lund

SHAWCROSS

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Full Inside Story" (1973). He presently resides in London.

In the 467 pages of his work, he puts the United States policy toward Cambodia, from 1969 to 1975, under the microscope. What he finds that supports the above conclusion are crimes against humanity (war); crimes of war (mass destruction and murder), and crimes against the laws and Constitution of the United States. Henry Kissinger and Richard Nixon stand accused.

Although Nixon's political star is in eclipse, Henry Kissinger's is still very much one of first magnitude — Nobel Prize winner, possible senatorial candidate, and author of his own memoirs which are expected in mid-October. (Shawcross hopes to get an advance copy of the text. If he is successful, he plans to comment on Kissinger's revelations regarding the Cambodia decisions.)

From the dark days of the war in Indochina to Watergate, Cambodia was a kind of sideshow, a gruesome, bloody sidebar to the larger story of Vietnam. Shawcross takes it out of the shadows and brings it center stage. It is a powerful book and a powerful indictment. If Kissinger does elect to run for the Senate, his foes will certainly use this book as a major source of ammunition to discredit the former Secretary of State.

Don't miss this evening. Reservations are requested. Contact Mary Novick at the Club. (212) 679-9650.

—Charles Schreiber

China Trip Coming Up On Nov. 15

An escorted trip to China is being planned by Editorial Conferences International (Simone Bassous) leaving from Los Angeles on November 15, returning on December 2.

Stops include Hong Kong, Peking, Shanghai, Kwangchow, Nanking and Wuhsi. This is not an official press tour, but Simone says she has been taking journalists into China for the past 3 years as "writers, historians, lecturers, artists, photographers and businessmen."

Visas are extremely limited, but some are still available. Contact Simone Travel Bureau at (212) 541-9690, or the office at 200 West 57 Street, Suite 1210, New York City, N.Y. 10019.

PRESIDENT

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OPC member, Al Balk, as a "committee of one" sold the bar and disposed of the rest of the club's belongings. As if that were not enough, he rolled up his shirtsleeves and spent some hot summer afternoons clearing out the debris and arranging all pictures and valuable club memorabilia in our club quarters. See it for yourself and you will agree that he deserves a large measure of thanks.

The lobby is adorned with striking photographs carefully selected and tastefully arranged by Barrett Gallagher and Charles Rotkin, Co-chairmen, Photo Exhibit and J. Herbert Silverman, Chairman, Arts Exhibit.

And the time has come again to plan the 1980 Awards Dinner, which will take place on April 29 in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria. Gerold Frank, former OPC Board member and distinguished journalist and author, has agreed to serve as Chairman of the Awards Committee. More about this effort in future *Bulletins*.

All this involves many people, many hours of planning and a great deal of work.

Which brings me to another point, one I raised in my first interview after my election as president of the Club. I would welcome even greater involvement in the club's affairs on the part of our members, particularly the younger members who recently joined the club. There are still a number of areas and activities in need of direction and leadership.

With this in mind, I will close by saying I will welcome any help, any ideas, to make the OPC a better club.

—Henry Gellermann
President

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Who, What, Where

By GRACE NAISMITH

PUBLISHING: Joseph Lederer's latest book, "What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Old?" (with co-author Harris Dienstfrey) has just been published by Bantam Books. A wide-ranging survey, written for the middle-aged and for seniors, is an encouraging report on how to plan for, understand and enjoy that "new old age." ... **Porter Bibb**, publisher of *US* magazine, has a 35,000 first printing for his new novel, "Disco Inferno." Published by Doubleday Oct. 5, the book is causing a ruckus in the media. An illustrated novel, it is a "successful spoof," says *Publishers Weekly*. ... **Dr. Henry Singer's** "Guide for Chinese Visiting America" appeared in the Sept.-Oct. *The Humanist*. Singer is executive director of the Human Resources Institute, Inc. in Westport and has co-authored "Discussion Guides for Upcoming TV Specials." "NBC Freedom Road" and "All Quiet on the Western Front" for *Teachers Guide for Television*. ... **Marguerite Vauclair** had the lead article in a Sunday travel section of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, and an article in the Sunday travel section of the *Houston Chronicle*.

NEW LOOK: **Jean Hall** has been advanced to science editor of the Gannett Newspapers. She has been a science writer and columnist for them for five years and will continue to write her weekly op-ed page column. She says she is delighted with our new quarters at the Chemists Club. ... **Joan F. Lane** of the Miami-Metro News Bureau has been filing stories for the past 18 months under the Miami Dateline heading as Miami correspondent for *Caribbean Business*, a weekly in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

SEEN ON THE SCENE: **Jay Brennan, George Duggan.**

GRACIOUS CRITICISM: "Is it more honor to give than to receive?" queries **Mark Appleman** who will receive The Distinguished Service Award in Investment Education Oct. 13 at the 29th convention of the National Association of Investment Clubs in Chicago. The last bulletin said the winner was Thomas E. O'Hara. He's chairman of the board of the Investment Education Institute.

TRAVELING: **Louis Zara** back from Hong Kong and China — Beijing, Tsinan, Shanghai and other cities. The Foreign Correspondents Club in Sutherland House on the Victoria Island side of Hong Kong, Zara writes, has pleasant headquarters, "dinner graciously

London Times Strike Goes On ... And On ...

To a proper British establishmentarian, life without *The Times* of London has been unthinkable since the paper's founding in 1785. Yet last Nov. 30, the unthinkable became reality when *The Times* was shut down in a labor dispute.

At issue were alleged wildcat work stoppages and slowdowns that are said to have prevented production and distribution of 13.2 million copies of *The Times* and *Sunday Times* for ten months, and purported union resistance to news and composing-room automation. Management insisted on written guarantees of an end to what one editor called "industrial guerilla warfare," plus the right to reorganize the staff and automate, on penalty of a shutdown. The unions demurred. Management then closed "temporarily," for negotiations, all of Times Newspaper Ltd., including even the revered *Times Literary Supplement*.

The first reaction in London was disbelief. Then dismay. Then, as win-

served, food excellent, surroundings hospitable, and everyone said "Hello!"

SAD NEWS: The OPC has received a brief note on the death of **Joseph M. Quinn**, in Los Angeles. He had been president, City News Service, a past president of Sigma Delta Chi, past president of the Los Angeles Press Club and won many awards in an active newspaper career.

ter progressed and losses mounted, panic that the papers might not survive.

The parent Thomson Organization reiterated its intention to resume publication, pointing to its retention of key editorial employees and others at virtually full pay. Throughout last winter and spring both sides expressed optimism. Yet presses remained silent.

In April, management announced plans to print a weekly "overseas" edition of *The Times*, possibly in The Netherlands. An attempt was made to print in Germany, but was thwarted by threat of on-site violence.

Finally, at the annual meeting of the Thomson Organization, an international conglomerate of communications, petroleum, and other industries, criticism of management became so vehement that Lord Thomson, son of the late Lord Thomson of Fleet who bought and resuscitated *The Times* in the Sixties, announced his personal intervention in the dispute. Immediately, optimism rose.

Throughout the long summer, the only other bright spot in the situation was the appearance of a clever parody. Done in the spirit of *Not The New York Times*, which was published during the most recent New York newspaper strike, the parody was titled *Not The Times*.

The magazine I edit, *Atlas World Press Review*, was privileged to compile excerpts for publication in our October issue. While evoking constant smiles and occasional outright laughs from our editors, the material only reminded us how much we, and all admirers of great newspapers, miss and need. *The Times*, *Sunday Times*, and their sister publications.

— Alfred Balk

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The Opening Night Party
for 'Portraits'

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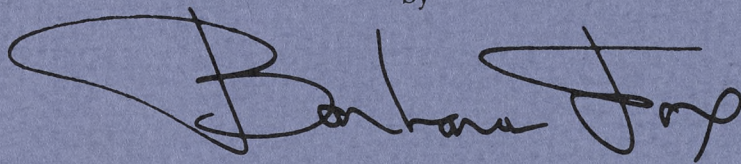
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